

THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, HELD FORTH AT PARIS, ILLINOIS, THE PAST WEEK. MAJOR ALLEN A. WESLEY WAS RE-ELECTED GRAND CHANCELLOR AND MOST ALL OF THE OTHER OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE WERE RE-ELECTED.

ATTORNEY JOHN R. AUTER, WHO HAD SERVED FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS AS SECRETARY OF THE BENEFICIARY BOARD, WAS DROPPED AS SUCH AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT HON. ALBERT B. GEORGE, WHO HAS FOR MANY YEARS SERVED AS THE HONEST AND EFFICIENT SECRETARY OF HANNIBAL LODGE NO. 6, WILL SUCCEED MR. AUTER.

SPLENDID RECORD OF HON. ROBERT R. JACKSON AS TREASURER OF THE BENEFICIARY BOARD AND THE SUPREME GRAND LODGE.

The members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of this state held forth at Paris, Ill., last week, and after considerable talking on the part of its members as to how Attorney John R. Auter managed to beat or hoodwink the Grand Lodge out of twelve thousand and five hundred dollars, the following officers were elected for the coming year without much fighting on the part of those seeking the various offices.

Dr. Allen A. Wesley, G. C.; Dr. J. Allen Cotton, G. M. of W.; Charles A. Bowler, G. V. C.; W. O. King, Grand Prelate; R. R. Jackson, G. M. of Ex.; Frank B. Waring, G. K. of R. & S.; Willard Moody, G. L.; Dr. E. S. Miller, G. M. D.; Louis Moore, G. M. at A.; H. L. Thomas, G. I. G.; Frank D. Gray, G. O. G.

Supreme Representatives—Dr. Allen A. Wesley, Wm. A. Plummer, Edward D. Green, Rev. John W. Robinson.

Grand Trustees—Dr. W. T. Jefferson, Abraham Stevenson, L. W. Washington.

Beneficiary Board—Dr. Allen A. Wesley, President; R. R. Jackson, Treasurer; Albert B. George, Secretary; John Bailey, Clinton L. Hill, Thos. Allen, Lucius L. Lee.

All the reports as read by the head chiefs of the several departments of that order showed that the Grand Lodge was in the most flourishing condition and from a money point of view the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Illinois is as solid or as strong as the big foundation stones which rests in the thick concrete under the City Hall of Chicago.

Major Robert R. Jackson was re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Board without the slightest opposition and for twenty years he has held that position and for twenty years he has kept his accounts straight with it, and his books have always in that length of

time balanced right down to the last penny. He is also the treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias throughout the world, and he has served in that capacity with great distinction for more than twenty years. Any time that the high chiefs of that order desire to gaze upon the money belonging to the Supreme Lodge, Major Jackson is ever ready to flash it up to them. Any time that some of the accountants from the office of the state Auditor's office of Illinois gives him the rush act and break into his office early in the morning and exclaim, "Major Jackson, turn over your books to us for we want to see just how much money you have in the banks before we start in to checking up or balancing up your books," and without uttering one word of protest on the part of Major Jackson, he reaches for his bank books and turns them over to them.

After they wend their way to the banks and count and check up the money down to the last penny, and they return to the office of Major Jackson, they call for his books. After figuring and figuring and finally stop, and say, "Major Jackson, your books and cash in the banks balance right down to the last penny, and we find that you have on hand every cent belonging to the Beneficiary Board of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Illinois!"

It must be said, to the everlasting credit of Major Jackson, that he was the founder or the creator of the Uniform Ranks, Knights of Pythias, throughout the world, being the military branch of that order.

Twenty years ago the Knights of Pythias possessed scarcely any property, but today, largely through the untiring efforts of Major Jackson, and Hon. Edward D. Green, the order is worth more than four million dollars.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR FROM ISSES PUNISHMENT TO LYNCHERS

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has announced the receipt of a letter from Governor Thomas W. Hardwick of Georgia regarding the lynching of Joe Jordan and James Harvey, two young colored men, convicted of assault, who were lynched on July 1 at Lanes Bridge, Georgia, after they had been granted a respite of 30 days by the Governor. In reply to the Association's request that not only the lynch-

ers be punished but that Sheriff Rogers of Wayne County, Georgia, and Deputy Sheriff Tyre, who permitted the mob to take the prisoners from him, be adequately punished. The Governor replied:

"As Governor of this State, I have offered the largest reward authorized by law for the perpetrators of this outrage, and I will instruct the court authorities and the Solicitor-General of the judicial circuit in which Wayne County is located, to present the matter to the grand jury at its approaching session. I will do all I can to vindicate the law in this matter."



HON. ROBERT R. JACKSON

Grand Major General of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Throughout the World, Who Has Been Re-Elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Board of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

HAITIAN GIRL HELD IN PEONAGE RELEASED

Altida Supplie, Haitian girl under fifteen years of age, has been returned to her home, after being held for more than a year in virtual peonage in Washington, D. C., through the efforts of the District of Columbia Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. according to announcement. The girl was brought to the United States in 1921 by the wife of a captain in the Marines Corps on a promise of ten dollars a month in wages and a home. Although the girl was forced to do all sorts of menial tasks, she never received more than five dollars for any month's work and at the end of most months she was told that she had nothing due her as her wages had been expended for clothes. These

the marine officer's wife purchased for the girl, declaring that the cost was always in excess of wages due in order that the girl might remain perpetually in debt.

Becoming dissatisfied, the girl ran away but was caught and returned to her employers. Later she ran away again and this time the case was reported to Shelby J. Davidson, Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. In company with Prof. Metz Lochar of Howard University, who acted as interpreter and Mr. William Pickens who happened to be in Washington at the time, Mr. Davidson called on M. Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, Haitian Minister to the United States. The Haitian Minister at first seemed disinclined to take any action in the matter, but upon the delegation's insistence he consented to take the matter up by talking with the wife of the marine. She denied the charges, although competent witnesses proved the truth of what the girl had charged. It was discovered during the interview that she had asked the Washington police to arrest the girl and return her.

When it was found, that this had been done, the Board of Children's Guardians was requested to take charge of the girl until she could be returned to her home. This was done while at the same time steps were taken through the United States Immigration Bureau to arrange to have the girl returned to Haiti on the first steamer. Both of these steps proved successful and the girl has been returned to her parents in Haiti, from whom she had been taken by the marines and his wife without the knowledge and consent of the parents. The successful conclusion of this case circumvents a bold attempt to hold a person in peonage in the national capital.

MOB IN AUTO RACE TRAIN FOR PORTER

Cullman, Ala.—According to information received Will E. Hayes, Pullman porter, accused by a white woman passenger of attempted assault was taken off the train at Birmingham and rushed to the county jail for safety.

A mob had surrounded the train at Cullman, and attempted to get Hayes. Quick action by the conductor in starting the train foiled the mob which however followed in autos to the Birmingham station only a few miles distant.

Hayes declares that the charge of attempted assault is a frame up by the woman who he could not please by any amount of attention or service, and "he was abused by her."

In a fit of fault finding anger she told the porter "I know how to fix you, and I'm going to do it." Later she entered a toilet, in a few moments she called the porter, and when he responded the woman screamed and accused Hayes with attempted assault.

Later on it was amply proven that Hayes did not attempt to assault the white lady, in any manner, shape or form. It seems to us that the lady needed some one to dash a bucket of cold water upon her in order to cool her off for she was too hot or cross.

—Editor.

PROF. ROBERT R. MOTON

A pretty little story is going the rounds of the press about Robert R. Moton going to the rescue of a white woman in New York city. It was a brave act, but it also brings to mind that he was not so brave when his own wife was thrown out of a Pullman sleeper in 1915. According to the stories printed at the time in the public press, he was not with her, and when he learned of the affair he rebuked her for her temerity in going into a Pullman car!

To the above we say Amen! amen!

—Editor.

STEAMER "YARMOUTH" SOLD FOR \$1,625

New York, N. Y.—The "S. S. Yarmouth," the first of the boats to be acquired by the Black Star Line, was sold by a United States Marshall for \$1,625. The Black Star Line paid upward of \$60,000 for the boat. The information was published in "Nauticus."

The "Yarmouth" belonged to Col. Garvey's Black Star Line of steamships which was supposed to run between the United States and Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry W. Garnes are in Columbus, Ohio, attending the sessions of the National Musicians Convention, and before returning home, Dr. Garnes will arrange some singing dates, for Madam Garnes in that section of the country in the near future.

THE KU KLUX KLAN ARE IN FAVOR OF ENDING THE LIVES OF ALL THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES OR TRANSPORTING THEM BACK TO AFRICA.

IT SEEMS THAT COL. MARCUS GARVEY HAS JOINED HANDS WITH THE LEADING LIGHTS OF THAT MOST REPREHENSIBLE AND DIABOLICAL MIDNIGHT ORGANIZATION.

Some fellow by the name of Clarke, acting head of the Ku Klux Klan of America, or Knights of the White Cross, is laying deep rooted plans to wipe out or exterminate the colored race in this country, so it is contended by Mr. Charles P. Sweeney who is one of the well known writers in the eastern part of this country.

According to Mr. Sweeney, Clarke aims at the sterilization of all male Negro children so that the Negro will gradually disappear from the American continent. He adds that Negroes are joining the Catholic Church for protection.

Quotes Simon's Speech
To show that this hostile attitude toward colored people is official, Mr. Sweeney quotes the following from a speech of Colonel Simmons, real Ku Klux head, now on vacation:

"All the folks of color can take their place—they had better take it and stay in it when they get in it. This is a white man's civilization and we are the instrumentalities for the preservation of that which was created by years of devotion, which has given to the world the open Bible, the little red school house, if you please, the great public school system, all those things which have come to us through years of devout thought and hard work as a sacred heritage."

"Men tell me that the Negroes in this state, and I am not going out of the State of Georgia, are paying their poll taxes for as far back as fourteen years and qualifying to vote. * * * I am informed that every buck Nigger in Atlanta who attains the age of twenty-one years has gotten the money to pay his poll tax and register, and that 6,000 of them are now ready to vote, and that these apes are going to line up at the polls, mixed up there with white men and white women. Lord forgive me, but that is the most sickening and disgusting sight you ever saw. (Loud applause.)"

"You've got to change that * * * Keep the Negro and the other fellow where he belongs. They have got no part in our political or social life. If in one, he will get into the other."

In order to secure elimination of the Negro, Jew and Catholics from American life, the Ku Klux Klan has organized twelve other societies including the Masons, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Guardians of Liberty, Order of Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Loyal Orange Institution, Lights of Luther, National Legion of Pathfinders and the Order of de Molay.

Forces Negroes to Work
In twenty-seven states, Mr. Sweeney

says, the Klan has made nearly 200 public appearances in hoods in the last ten months. In Texas, he declared, that black men have been forced to work and pick cotton at rates they would not accept if the decision were left to themselves. Throughout the South and Southwest, the Negro population lives in constant fear of the hooded band of night-riders.

This is the same Klan that Garvey, as the advertised leader of four hundred million Negroes, has taken pleasure and effort in taking the whole front page of the Negro World in advertising to his followers. What has the Klan for Garvey? What has Garvey for the Klan? Has not the Klan done enough against our people yet? What could Garvey, a foreign Negro, have common with an avowed enemy of the Negro race? Negroes who respected the aims and ambitions of Marcus Garvey before his talk with Clarke, the Kluxer, have now lost all respect for him, doubt his honest intentions and think he has condescended to sell the Negro out to gain the support of the Klan so that his indictment for alleged crooked dealings might be dismissed. What could a foreign Negro lose in America, if he sold out American Negroes and their rights? The same doubt and suspicion exists in reasonable people's mind, if Poch were to consult with Emperor William on French matters during the time when Emperor Bill was invading and persecuting Frenchmen.

Lately Col. Garvey seeking more easy money made his famous swing around the circle through many of the southern states and while speaking before white and colored people in Richmond, Va. and New Orleans, La. He spoke in part as follows:

"This is a white man's country. He found it, he conquered it, and we can't blame him if he wants to keep it. I am not vexed with the white man of the South for Jim Crowing me because I am black."

"I never built any street cars or railroads. The white man built them for his own convenience. And if I don't want to ride where he's willing to let me ride then I'd better walk."

This is a fair sample of the rot which Col. Garvey belched forth during his tour through the South.

On his return to New York City, he addressed a big meeting. Among other things he stated:

"What should be the Negro's attitude toward such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan?"

"It should be not to fight it, not to aggravate it, but to think of what it means, and say and do nothing. It

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